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PROGRAMMING AND OTHER MATTERS:

(a) Progress report on United Nations activities in crime prevention and control for the biennium 1988-1989

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World foundation on crime control and assistance to victims

The Committee on Crime Prevention and Control,

Concerned with the growth of criminality in many countries,

Concerned also with the growing threat posed by new forms of criminality, such as illicit drug trafficking, terrorism, international fraud and other types of organized crime,

Noting the willingness of Member States to unite their efforts in crime prevention and control,

Noting also the inadequacy of existing financial resources for combating crime at the international level,

Recalling resolution 1989/68 of 24 May 1989 adopted by the Economic and Social Council as well as resolution 10/1 adopted by the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control at its tenth session,

1. Recommends to the Eighth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders that favourable consideration should be given to the establishment, under the auspices of the United Nations, of a world foundation on crime control and assistance to victims;

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2. Recommends also that the goals of the world foundation on crime control and assistance to victims should be as follows:

(a) To identify and mobilize financial resources in support of the implementation of international crime control programmes;

(b) To raise the awareness of the international community to crime situations and main trends of criminality and issues involving the victims, including training of relevant personnel;

(c) To advocate the expansion of initiatives contributing to effective crime prevention;

(d) To provide financial assistance to Member States not having adequate resources for the implementation of crime control programmes;

(e) To fund scientific research and development of innovative effective technical means for crime prevention and control and to provide assistance to interregional and regional institutes for crime prevention and the treatment of offenders;

(f) To provide financial assistance to victims of international crimes;

3. Recommends that the sources of the world foundation on crime control and assistance to victims should be as follows:

(a) Voluntary contributions from States;

(b) Voluntary donations from non-governmental organizations, the private sector and individuals;

(c) Activities for charity in support of the foundation;

(d) Income from the foundation's publications, which might include:

(i) Publication on a regular basis of compilations of United Nations standards and norms and international instruments on crime prevention and control;

(ii) Publication on an annual basis of statistical data on crime situations throughout the world;

(iii) Publication of the results and outcome of the scientific research work carried out in the field of crime control;

(iv) Publication of materials on innovative ways and techniques used at the national and international levels for crime prevention and control;

4. Further recommends that the Board of Trustees of the world foundation on crime control and assistance to victims should be appointed by the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control and might include, among others, heads of the regional and interregional institutes for crime prevention and the treatment of offenders.